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goods, with American flags and decorations, drove mad the Pekinists."

Only two years ago, our FBI seized international Communist conspirators planning to dynamite several of our national monuments and the Statue of Liberty where there always are crowds of tourists.

In criticizing extreme predictions of summer violence made by Dr. Martin Luther King, the prudent FBI director was protecting all Americans.

No people can afford the denigration of their outstanding public servants through intellectual snobbery. Its few practitioners reveal themselves as both undemocratic and ungrateful.

Report From Washington

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

OF

HON. ROBERT P. GRIFFIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. GRIFFIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Appendix of the RECORD the text of a June 1967 newsletter which is being mailed to constituents in Michigan.

There being no objection, the newsletter was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

U.S. SENATOR BOB GRIFFIN REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON

OUR FIGHT FOR CLEAN AIR

There is "overwhelming" evidence that air pollution is linked to lung cancer, emphysema and other respiratory infections, according to a report by the Surgeon General's office.

Some startling statistics gathered by the U.S. Public Health Service indicate the scope of this growing peril:

135 million tons of airborne "garbage" scattered into the nation's atmosphere yearly.

\$11 billion in property damage annually as pollutants corrode metals and machinery, deface buildings and spoil crops.

In the next 14 years, the nation is expected to burn as much gas and oil as it has consumed in the previous 107 years.

It's no wonder Congress is searching hard for better answers to the pollution problem. But the battle is so big that vigorous efforts are urgently needed on the part of private citizens as well as public agencies at all levels.

On the Federal level, I believe Congress should give antipollution forces much needed strength and incentive by passing a bill, which I have co-sponsored, to provide a 20-percent tax credit to those industries which install effective pollution control equipment.

Another method for cutting air pollution is receiving widespread attention. I refer to the growing demand for a practical electric car. I believe our recent Senate hearings on this subject have spurred auto and battery manufacturers to new heights in the efforts to make the modern-age electric car a reality.

In addition, there is encouraging news that private industry is now working harder than ever to develop a gasoline-powered engine that will be pollution free.

VIET NAM AND VANDENBERG

Michigan's Senator Arthur Vandenberg, Republican architect of non-partisan foreign policy, stood behind a Democratic President and declared, "Politics stops at the water's edge."

When I was in Vietnam a year ago, 260,000 U.S. troops were committed to battle.

Now there are 500,000, and the number of Americans killed has passed the 10,000 mark.

The conflict in Viet Nam is a confused, bloody, expensive and unpopular labyrinth. Casualties have continued to mount—and so have criticisms of the Administration and its policies.

Of course, any American can dissent from Administration policy. The right to disagree is what America is all about.

However, I believe that in time of war Republicans have a high responsibility to leave politics at the water's edge. For the most part, the Viet Nam debate in Congress has served the national interest because it has been non-partisan.

When Governor Romney spoke on Viet Nam at Hartford, Connecticut, leaders in both parties hailed his words. In saying—

"Let us pursue with strength the just peace in South Viet Nam that our prayers should so earnestly seek, and that may yet be within our grasp."

"So doing, we can fulfill our role as the last best hope on earth. . . ."

—Romney spoke in the Vandenberg tradition: not as a politician, but as a dedicated American.

IS VICTIM "FORGOTTEN MAN"?—CONGRESS ZEROES IN ON CRIME PROBLEM

At long last Congress is giving the problem of crime the national attention it so sorely demands. A comprehensive Crime Commission report issued in February has documented these shocking statistics:

In 1965, there was 9,850 intentional killings, 22,467 forcible rapes, 118,916 robberies, 206,661 aggravated assaults and 1,173,201 burglaries in the United States.

In addition, 762,352 larcenies and 486,568 motor vehicle thefts were committed.

Michigan has not been spared. Last year, in Detroit alone, 131,777 known offenses were committed—40 percent more than in 1965.

The Commission's report proclaims the great need to combat not only "crime in the streets" but also the intricacies of organized crime and the spreading disease of narcotics.

Following publication of the report, a flurry of anticrime legislation has been introduced in Congress. Included are such bills as:

The President's Safe Streets and Crime Control Act.

Measures to modify recent Supreme Court rulings on the use of confessions.

Bills to outlaw wiretapping.

Legislation to provide more assistance for state and local law enforcement agencies, such as for the education of officers and the purchase of modern equipment.

These measures are receiving Congressional study. However, I have also been concerned about the forgotten man in the crime picture. I refer to the crime victim.

I have introduced legislation to permit an income tax deduction for all medical expenses incurred as a result of a criminal act and for theft losses. In addition, my bill would allow a tax deduction of up to \$300 for amounts invested by an individual for certain crime prevention devices, such as locks and burglar alarms.

Incidentally, although the Administration has not yet indicated support for my bill, the President's Commission said in its report that "the general principle of victim compensation . . . is sound."

TAX FAX

The average American taxpayer spends two hours and 25 minutes out of each eight-hour working day just earning enough money to pay his taxes, according to the Tax Foundation.

Or, to put it another way, if he has worked steadily all year, the average taxpayer finally began working for himself about April 21. All the money he earned until then goes to pay his taxes.

Incidentally, if you paid as much as \$4,281 in Federal income tax last year, you may be interested to know that your "contribution"

was just enough to keep the government running for . . . one second.

Government statisticians say it takes \$4,281 to fuel the federal machine every second of every day in the year, based on a \$135 billion budget for fiscal 1968.

HELP FOR HOME OWNERSHIP

I have joined Sen. Charles Percy of Illinois and 35 other Senators in sponsoring revolutionary new legislation designed to ease the housing crisis in our big cities.

The proposed National Home Ownership Foundation Act has been developed as a way to help lower income families who want to help themselves.

Under the plan:

Prospective home owners would be called upon to make a down payment in one of two ways, either by a modest financial outlay or in the form of personal labor.

The Federal Government would set up a foundation, guarantee debentures, provide seed money, make technical assistance available and help carry out training and education programs.

The local community and private enterprise would be working partners on the team.

The concept of home ownership is basic to the American way of life. In my view, realistic policies which encourage home ownership (such as FHA) have done more to combat communism in America than the FBI, the CIA and the Un-American Activities Committee, all rolled together.

SOCIAL SECURITY RED TAPE

"Surely eight months is too long to wait."

Such a comment is all too familiar in the flood of mail I have been receiving about slow processing of Social Security and medicare claims.

A student who applied for dependents' benefits complained that she had received no payments from the time of her filing, in September, 1966, until April, 1967.

One Michigan resident was not only eight months behind in receiving reimbursement under medicare—but in the confusion, his Social Security retirement benefits were cut off, and his wife started receiving widow's benefits.

Social Security is the major source of income for about one-half of the beneficiaries over 65. A delay of a month—or even a week—is a serious blow to those who have nowhere else to turn.

I have joined with several other Senators in calling for a Senate investigation to dig out the causes of such delays and to find ways for improving the administration of Social Security and medicare programs.

WHY TAX SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS?

When the Administration submitted its Social Security program to Congress, it included a proposal to tax Social Security and railroad retirement benefits. Such a move would penalize retirees by imposing double taxation on their efforts to build a retirement income. For this reason, I have joined Senator Everett Dirksen and others in sponsoring a resolution to declare that "Social Security and railroad retirement benefits shall not be made subject to Federal income taxes."

Russia and the Mideast: Efforts for Peace or War?

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Mr. LAIRD. Mr. Speaker, a very significant column appeared in this morn-